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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak beginning the week. Retail demand was light to moderate, occasionally good in areas affected by Hurricane Rita. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample. Breaking stock offerings ranged adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were generally sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest delivered prices were lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail demand and food service movement were light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light for the fully adequate to ample offerings. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	
			RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-65	56-62	LARGE	37-46 41
LARGE	54-64	55-58	MEDIUM	17-21 19
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37	SMALL	5-7

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady entering the week. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to at times ample. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for a moderate demand. Spent hen supplies were generally adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-78	66-70
LARGE	59-73	64-68
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail demand was light to at times good with the best interest coming from replacing missed deliveries caused by hurricane Rita. Food service movement was usually light to at times fairly good in scattered locations. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light for the fully adequate to ample offerings. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65.5-74	67-70
LARGE	63.5-72	65-68
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Weekly prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was barely steady to weak beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for a moderate demand. Spent hens were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64.5-75	66-69
LARGE	63-71.25	64-67
MEDIUM	36.5-44	37-41

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady entering the week. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to available for full trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	73-77
LARGE	71-75
MEDIUM	47-51

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62-71	64-68
LARGE	61-70	62-64
MEDIUM	39-48	42-44

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on jumbo, 5 cents lower on extra large, 4-5 cents lower on large, and 2-3 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 5% higher than last Monday with California up 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 4%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo, 5 cents lower on extra large and large, and 3 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 5% higher than last week. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 58.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	118
EXTRA LARGE	110
LARGE	100
MEDIUM	78

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	259-309
EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	179-229
MEDIUM	179-199

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	NOT
LARGE	AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 30, 2005 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 23, 2005 were 220,609 cases which was 3 percent below the prior week and 14 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	187,738	32,871	220,609

% change from the prior week.....	-1	-12	-3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand continued light with offerings fully adequate to ample with lighter weight shell eggs in the longest position. Floor stocks adequate to instances ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	38-41	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	27-31	27-29
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Processed sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-SEP-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-16.25 CENTS/LB.	12-14	12.99

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were more than sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-SEP-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-16 CENTS/LB.	12-14	13.29
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	14.2	12.5	4.9	11.5	11.2	54.3
	Change	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	1.2	1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.6	58.6	19.5	36.6	38.4	182.7
	Change	-0.1	13.4	9.6	9.9	6.4	27%
Large	Curr Wk	52.9	192.3	63.4	90.6	96.5	495.7
	Change	4.3	42.1	-3.4	0.9	-2.8	9%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.4	58.4	23.4	26.4	29.8	152.4
	Change	1.4	-12.9	9.5	-6.6	-0.8	-6%
Small	Curr Wk	6.3	9.1	1.4	3.4	6.5	26.7
	Change	0.8	-0.1	-0.8	-2.0	1.3	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.0	27.6	15.0	11.6	4.9	63.1
	Change	0.6	-2.1	3.1	-2.0	-1.2	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.1	38.6	41.6	36.0	37.6	177.9
	Change	13.9	-2.3	23.2	0.8	5.6	30%
Total	Curr Wk	145.5	397.1	169.2	216.1	224.9	1152.8
Percent	Change	17%	11%	32%	0%	5%	11%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1152.8	11%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	222.9	-5%	35
Total Shell Egg	1375.7	8%	210

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 12.50 FUTURE LOADS 15.00 TOTAL LOADS 27.50

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	--	--	45.50	47.00	--	--	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	GNR W 1	--	--
GL W J	--	--	--	--	56.50	--	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	70.00	--	--	GL W J	--	--
GL W XL	--	--	--	57.00	48.75	--	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	58.50	--	--	GL W XL	--	--
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	41.50	--	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	55.50	--	--	GL W LG	--	--
GL W MD	--	--	28.00	30.25	25.00	27.00	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	NRBS - 48	--	--
GL W SM	20.00	23.50	19.00	21.50	--	--														
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--														
NRBS - 45	29.00	32.00	35.00	37.00	--	--														
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	--														

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEP 19, 2005-SEP 23, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 63.75 FUTURE LOADS 43.75 TOTAL LOADS 107.50

		SE		NE				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
	MW			LOADS			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	63.00	4.00
GNR W 1	52.00	--	47.60	51.10	--	51.00	12.00	GL W J	--	--	--	75.00	--	70.00	1.25
GNR W 4	--	--	22.00	23.50	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	--	59.40	--	69.75	--	60.97	11.50
GL W J	--	--	--	--	60.10	69.00	4.25	GL W LG	50.00	57.73	--	63.50	--	61.13	18.50
GL W XL	--	62.91	60.75	61.47	48.04	59.00	33.25	GL W MD	28.00	36.00	--	--	--	34.67	3.75
GL W LG	--	55.00	60.50	58.25	47.85	--	15.50	NRBS - 48	--	38.00	--	--	--	--	4.00
GL W MD	33.00	29.00	30.88	32.84	24.69	26.69	9.25	NRBS - 39	--	24.88	--	--	--	--	4.00
GL W SM	20.63	23.50	16.33	18.39	--	--	6.25								
GL BR XL	--	64.00	--	--	--	--	.50								
GL BR LG	--	64.00	--	--	--	--	1.75								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	41.19	41.58	52.00								
NRBS - 45	29.00	32.00	35.00	37.00	--	--	3.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	29.00	--								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	29.50	25.00	--	5.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is lower on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Demand is moderate.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	82.86
LARGE	80.86
MEDIUM	54.86
SMALL	35.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 142	125 - 128

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/19/05	09/12/05	09/20/04
PACIFIC COAST	198	199	107
LOS ANGELES	194	194	70

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